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For: ELEVATOR SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 5 with:

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the hoistway as viewed from above the elevator hoistway of the second embodiment of the present invention;

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 8 with:

A2
Fig. 6 is a plan view of the hoistway as viewed from above the elevator hoistway of the elevator system shown in Fig. 5.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace the indicated claims with:

A3 Sub C1
1. (Amended) An elevator system comprising;
a hoistway including a hoistway wall and a bottom portion, said hoistway wall including a protrusion projecting from said hoistway wall inside said hoistway;